

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE FIRE

There is no doubt that the fire at the Agricultural college at Logan was accidental, but at the same time it is believed the conflagration was to some extent the result of carelessness. It was the most hazardous part of the buildings in which the fire occurred and it is strange the insurance carried was so small, only \$7,000 as against a loss of over \$50,000.

It was proposed by the college authorities to rebuild and to defray the cost by private subscriptions. This was impracticable from the fact that buildings on ground owned by the state cannot legally be erected by subscriptions from private individuals. The scheme to reconstruct under the guise

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of repairs is also illegal. Bids should be solicited and work done by contract. There is politics in the repair scheme. It is part of the repair scheme to give employment to politicians and should not be countenanced.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 22, '05.
Editor Truth:—

Having read your valuable paper, Truth, I find you to be a man fearless in every way in your denouncing of those who libel and misrepresent any one whose religious views differ from theirs. I take the liberty of writing to you denouncing the owner of that scandalous sheet known as the Salt Lake Tribune. It is a well known fact that the owner of that sheet, I cannot call it a newspaper for I hold that a newspaper is one of the best educators of the people for nearly all things in life, is known to be an Irishman and is supposed to be a devout Catholic. Now we know that there is a law in the Catholic church forbidding religious persecutions of any religion of any name or nature.

Now the said proprietor of that paper has for months past been persecuting the Mormons or Latter-day Saints in a scandalous manner both in pictures and in articles of such a nature that those pictures, and articles are unfit to be printed in the worst of yellow backed books. Knowing as I do that there is a law forbidding such persecution it is my firm intention to collect all Tribunes containing such matter and present them in person to the holy father, the pope at Rome, charging every Catholic including Bishop Scanlon and all and every priest under him, making them all defendants as to their standing and fellowship in the holy Catholic church, for not one of them has ever raised his voice against such unchristian-like conduct.

I know that the Mormons in the east are not popular, but I also remember the time in New York when it was as much as a man's life was worth to say he was a Catholic.

It is also my intention when I return from Rome to assist with others in re-organizing in every city and town and hamlet an A. P. A. society, but, Mr. Editor, I want peace before anything else on earth, but I want peace with honor; but how is it possible to have peace when such a sheet exists? It has always been a knocker since it has passed into the hands of such a triumvirate. You cannot get pure water from an impure spring.

I hope you will print this letter at your earliest convenience. Be sure to print my full name and address as I am alone responsible for this letter. Thanking you in advance, I remain,

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